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Governor hosts natural resource tour

Converse and Niobrara Counties have been chosen to host the 2007 Governor's Natural Resource Tour.

The tour will be held September 10 and 11, and will focus on the natural resource, economic, rural, mineral and recreational development in Converse and Niobrara Counties. Participants will evaluate and explore issues affecting these counties on federal, state and local levels.

Governor Dave Freudenthal holds this annual tour in selected counties throughout Wyoming to share knowledge of practices, facilities and endeavors that each county is undertaking. Freudenthal chose Converse and Niobrara Counties for the abundance of sites and issues these counties have to offer.

The goal of the tour is for the participants to take the information gained back to their home communities for application to their local issues.

Each of the 23 county commissions in Wyoming has the opportunity to nominate four individuals to participate in the event. Individuals nominated include active community leaders concerned with environmental, agricultural, recreational, economic or mineral resource issues. A host of legislators, state agency directors and natural resource-oriented nonprofit groups will also attend.

The Governor's Natural Resource Tour is coordinated through a joint effort by the Governor's Office, the Wyoming Department of Agriculture and a 16-member steering committee representing Converse and Niobrara Counties. For more information, please contact Lyndsay Griffin at Igriff@state.wy.us or (307) 777-7180.

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